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FROM MCELDOWNEY/ MUSCAT

E. O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: PINS MOPS
SUBJECT: DHOFAR STATUS REPORT

1. RECENT DICUSSIONS WITH BRITISH MILITARY REPS ESPECIALLY MAJOR GENERAL TM CREASEY COMMANDER SULTANS ARMED FORCES PRODUCE THE IMPRESSION THAT WITHIN PRESENT CONSTRAINTSON BOTH SIDES SITUATION IN DHOFAR CLEARLY FAVORS SULTANS FORCES. REBEL ACTIVITY IN EASTERN THIRD OF DHOFAR PRIVINCE ALMOST ENTIRELY AT A STANDSTILL PERMITTING WITHDRAWAL OF ALL BUT ONE REGULAR BATTALION AND REPLACEMENT BY FIRQA PATROLS. WITH EXCEPTION OF SHORT LIVED SHELLING OF SALALAH AIRPORT ABOUT MIDDLE OF APRIL THE PLAIN HAS BEEN FREE OF INCIDENTS FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS. IN THE WEST MAINBRACE IS STILL BEING REGULARLY SUPPLIED BY HELICOPTER AND AN OCCASIONAL SKYVAN WHICH UNLOADS IN ABOUT ONE MINUTE. FIFTY KILOMETERS TO THE EAST A STRING OF SEVEN OR EIGHT STATIC POSITIONS EXPECTED TO BE MAINTAINED DURING THE MONSOON SEASON HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

2. THE ONLY NOTE OF DISQUIET TO BE DETECTED AS THE FIRST MONSOON CLOUDS BEGIN TO ROLL IN IS THE POSSIBILITY OF
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ESCALATION BY THE OPPOSITION. OF PARTICUARLY HIGH CONCERN AND POBABILITY IS THE APPEAREANCE OF ROCKETS ESPECIALLY ANTI HELICOPTER HEAT SEEKING WEAPONS. WHILE NONE OF THIS EQUIPMENT HAS YET BEEN DETECTED THEIR APPEARANCE IS EXPECTED AT ALMOST ANYTIME. MILITARY SOURCES HERE ADMIT THAT EXCEPT FOR " HARDENING" SOME DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PREPARING CONTINGENCY PLANS SUCH AIR SUPPLY OF SALALEH FROM MIDWAY THERE IS LITTLE THEY CAN DO TO DEFEND AGAINST SUCH WEAPONS IF THEY ARRIVE. THEY ARE HOPING TO MINIMIZE THROUGH NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK BY INTERDICTION EFFORTS.

3. IN AN ASIDE CREASEY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD ABANDON MAIN BRACE AS TOO COSTLY TO HOLD IF DECISION WERE HIS NOT THE SULTAN' S. ALSO CREASEY INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SAUDI DECLARATION OF PROTECTION OF OMANI/ PDRY BORDER TO FORESTALL INCURSIONS BY PRDY REGULAR FORCES OR AIRCRAFT.
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